

# NASHVILLE:

THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 16, 1858.

## NOTICE TO CITY SUBSCRIBERS.

Wishing to confine our business as near as possible to the CASH SYSTEM, we have determined hereafter to collect our subscriptions, within the city, QUARTERLY. To carry this determination into effect, we will have our whole city list in the hands of Mr. WILLIAM GILL, who will make the collections, and also attend to the delivery of the Papers, and see that subscribers are served punctually. We hope this arrangement will be satisfactory to all parties. Those who may desire to have themselves the necessity of making four payments during the year, can, if they prefer it, pay in advance for the whole year.

## To the Merchants and Traders of Nashville.

What is the aggregate of all exports from the city of Nashville for the year now about to close?

What is the aggregate imports for the same time?

What is the amount of sales, wholesale and retail, including all branches of trade, during the year?

Is it possible for the Press of this city to obtain a full and correct statement of trade and commerce of this city, for the present or any past year?

We have asked these questions frequently privately, and have never received a satisfactory answer. Our business men have much to say of the insufficiency of commercial news and statistics as furnished by the Nashville Press, over and over again the attempt has been made by the Press, to supply the deficiency and to keep a true and full record of the commercial business of the city. And as often and earnestly as they have tried the experiment, they have failed—not by intention or neglect on their part, but by reason of the utter impossibility of obtaining the necessary facts and statistics. How often are you ask'd, when abroad, what is the extent of the business of your city? And what is the precise temperature of your faces when you and yourselves wholly unable to answer, except by the mere, and it may be the willful, guessing?

The questions we have had concern the wharves, but most particularly the M. & M. Traders. Is there no way by which the business of Nashville can be regularly and reliably ascertained and known? We're the Chapter of Common-err! Can there be no system adopted by whom accurate records of business and trade may be preserved? And will not those whom we have chosen to interrogate take some steps by which to secure the desired object?

THE AMERICAN CONSCIENCE.—The attendance last night, we're glad to find, was all that the best friends of the poor old-side. Such an array of the beauty and fashion of our city we have rarely seen surpass'd. The music of the evening was just clowd and beautifully selected. Owing to an unforeseen occurrence, Prof. Taylor was prevent'd from performing his part, to the great regret of the audience. The entire performance pass'd off with great order. Owing to the lateness of the hour we could give the beautiful and talented ladies and gentlemen a calling on the part of a few of our friends. All the ladies of the party were elegantly dressed, and the man of the party, Mr. Crisp's performance of the part was very warmly applauded.

THE TRAVELLING ROUTE.—The New Orleans "Picayune" of the 8th says—“The Hon. S. W. Luce, a pioneer passenger from California, via Tumpan, and a well-known citizen of that State, as well as in the East, authorizes us to publish the following report in regard to the transit. He declares that the dangerous season of the weather, the passing of the days in regard to Ventura Bay are of a trifling nature, may be obviated and even now off're to us the impediment to navigation or embarkation. The road from V. to those he can pronounce to be the best, and most safe; he travel'd over for that distance, 112 miles. The road is adapt'd to the easy transit of coaches, and the land trip between the two points will be made in twenty-four hours. The climate on the Isthmus is cool, agreeable and healthy, and singularly free from the usual annoyances of the tropics. Col. Engle express' s the confident opinion that in a short time, when arrangements are made for our completion of the through trip will be made between New Orleans and St. Francisco in twelve days; and that the Isthmus of Tehuantepec is speedily destined to be the great thoroughfare for passengers, mails and treasure between the States of the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific coast.”

CAUTION.—It is stated by the Washington correspondent of the Standard, that the negotiations pending with the British Government in relation to questions connected with the Clayton-Bulwer treaty will be completed in time to be submitted to the Senate early next month, and that the settlement of these vexed questions will be on a perfectly fair and satisfactory basis. Immediately after the completion of this negotiation the question of an international copyright with Great Britain will be taken up, a treaty having been already drafted by the State Department.

The Isthmus of Tehuantepec, however, presents a difficulty, especially in view of the fact that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty has gone to V. to negotiate a similar convention, and that the Isthmus of Tehuantepec is speedily destined to be the great thoroughfare for passengers, mails and treasure between the States of the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific coast.

The river continues to rise with plenty of water on the shoals for all boats.

The Seventy-Six, from Cincinnati will be due this morning, and the T. C. Twichell, from New Orleans, due-to-night.

The Atlanta, from St. Louis arrived yesterday morning and left last evening for points down the river.

The Diamond changed her place of destination from New Orleans to Louisville and Cincinnati, and is now receiving freight for those cities, and will meet with immediate dispatch. The Dunleith is also receiving freight and passengers for the same cities.

The indecision of the weather prevent'd the Nashville from getting all her freight on board yesterday in time to leave. She will be ready to leave for New Orleans to day at 2 o'clock, positively. Capt. Howard formed to last night the would-be without fail at that hour, for all who are wishing to make a pleasant and quick trip to the Crescent City should secure one this morning. It is to be noted being nearly complete at this hour, she will not be detained on the trip, but go directly through.

The steam Cumberland is on her way to the port from New Orleans with a cargo of salt.

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The Delta, from St. Louis arrived yesterday morning and left last evening for points down the river.

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The D. A. January from St. Louis, in charge of Capt. Young, has entered the trade this morning, and will remain during the season.

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